

DRYDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q
A

WHAT IS A LOCKDOWN?

A lockdown is utilized when a real or perceived threat of physical harm from violence, firearms, or other weapons threatens the safety of staff and students. All internal and external entrances/exits are secured, including offices, classrooms, exterior doors, and windows. No movement of students or staff within the building is permitted during lockdown except with authorization of the building administrator or law enforcement.

Q
A

WHAT IS A LOCKOUT?

Lockouts are used to secure the school from a potential threat taking place outside the building, such as law enforcement activity in the vicinity. Students who are outside are brought indoors, exterior doors are locked, and no one is allowed in or out of the building. During a lockout, classes typically continue as normal inside the school.

Q
A

WHAT IS A HOLD-IN-PLACE?

During a hold-in-place, staff and students are instructed to stay inside their classrooms. A hold-in-place alert is often announced when there is a medical emergency in the building that staff or medical personnel need to attend to.

Q
A

WHAT IF MY CHILD CONTACTS ME DURING A LOCKDOWN, LOCKOUT, OR HOLD-IN-PLACE?

If you receive a call or text from your child during a lockdown, urge your child to remain calm and follow instructions from an adult. Please do not go to the school office to pick up your child as you will not be allowed to enter. No one is allowed to enter or leave a campus during a lockdown.

Q
A

HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED DURING AN EMERGENCY?

In the event of a real emergency, you will be updated via School Messenger alerts. In certain situations, you may also receive a parent letter informing you of the emergency. Please understand that situations can be fluid and we will update you when it is safe to do so.

Q
A

WHAT DOES DRYDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DO TO PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Exterior doors are locked during the school day with a "buzz in" protocol and sign in sheets for visitors and electronic access points for staff. Regular door checks take place during the school day. Volunteers are approved by the Board of Education. There are ground/maintenance routine checks as well. Monthly safety meetings take place at both the district and building level.